1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10.	Kerala	10	3	20	3	3	12	1	9	1	9
11.	Madhya Pradesh	55	5	35	5	5	9	9	9	9	9
12.	Maharashtra	55	10	80	11	10	6	9	12	9	12
13.	North-East	35	5	40	4	1	1	4	4	2	4
14.	Orissa	40	5	35	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
15.	Punjab	10	3	10	3	3	5	2	4	2	4
16.	Rajasthan	60	6	30	5	5	12	5	10	5	10
17.	Tamil Nadu	14	7	10	4	2	5	2	4	2	4
18.	Uttar Pradesh	75	10	93	12	14	19	12	16	12	16
19.	West Bengal	60	10	50	5	3	4	2	4	2	4
	Total	600	100	600	100	80	150	80	150	80	150

* BO Branch Post Offices
** SO Sub Post Offices

Repetition of Serials

1960. SHRI PINAKI MISRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether TV-serials like Mahabharata and Krishna are being telecast/retelecast over and over again, some times breaking the serial mid way and re-starting it again;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the details of the other serials being replayed and telecast again?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. The serial 'Mahabharat' was earlier telecast on DD-I and is now being repeated on DD-2 after a gap of three years. The serial 'Srikrishna', before it completed its telecast on DD-2, was shifted to DD-1 and is/was re-relecast with additional footage to enable more viewers in the country to see it. Similarly, the serials 'Bible Ki Kahaniyan' and Sabka Malik Ek Hai' were also re-telecast with additional footage.

[Translation]

Setting up of AIR Station Mandla, Madhya Pradesh

1961. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of AIR stations in Madhya Pradesh, location-wise;

(b) the number of stations commissioning till date, location-wise; and

(c) the time by which the remaining stations are likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c). At present, 19 radio stations located at Ambikapur, Bhopal, Chhatarpur, Gwalior, Indore, Jabalpur, Jagdalpur, Raipur, Rewa, Khandwa, Betul, Bilaspur, Shivpuri, Chhmdwara, Raigarh, Shahdol, Balaghat, Guna and Sagar are functioning in the State of Madhya Pradesh. No other station is technically ready for commissioning.

Telephone Connections Provided in Bihar

1962. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the telephone connections provided in Bihar during the year 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 till date, district-wise;

(b) the number of persons in the waiting list till October, 1996, district-wise;

(c) the time by which these are likely to be cleared, district wise;

(d) whether any special scheme has been formulated for the expansion and development of the telephone services and telephone exchanges;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the funds allocated therefor during the year 1996-97, district-wise;

(g) whether Government have received any complaints regarding the irregularities in issuing the telephone connections; and

(h) if so, the detials thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) The details are given in Statement.

STATEMENT

District-wise telephone connections provided and Waiting List in Bihar State.

Sl. No.	Name of District	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1.4.96 to 31.10.96	Waiting List as on 31.10.96
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Bhojpur (Arrah)	491	367	733	257	947
2.	Buxur	279	144	507	156	561
3.	Bhagalpur	431	2261	1467	739	2502
4.	Banka	97	62	137	141	238
5.	Dumka	135	109	187	51	319
6.	Deoghar	293	209	643	63	601
7.	Sahibganj	109	129	181	49	239
8.	Pakur	87	56	94	31	7
9.	Godda	97	39	152	27	159
10.	Monghyr	285	579	198	93	1697
11.	Sheikhpura	79	81	61	16	61
12.	Lakhisarai	111	104	69	61	129
13.	Jamui	99	133	122	33	177
14.	Chapra	1263	578	429	293	1664
15.	Gopalganj	439	311	239	98	552
16.	Siwan	516	490	518	124	1819
17.	East Champaran	1689	993	801	368	1487
18.	West Champaran	865	582	734	229	570
19.	Darbhanga	876	1338	361	239	2219
20.	Begusarai	588	1390	185	124	1338
21.	Samastipur	569	632	201	138	1094
22.	Khagaria	438	451	76	57	317
23.	Madhubani	785	794	196	69	1469
24.	Dhanbad	568	1679	1779	1079	1939
25.	Bokaro	255	497	830	381	2582
26.	Gaya	439	1369	1136	321	1113
27.	Jehanabad	356	421	369	132	419
28.	Aurangabad	124	211	188	104	85
29.	Nawadah	319	831	507	160	532
30.	Hazaribagh	721	809	1559	439	907
31.	Koderma	213	137	435	127	176
32.	Chatra	39	32	69	39	37

1	2	3	4	5	6	
33.	Giridih	414	473	783	184	361
34.	East Singhbhum	463	2879	797	1776	439
35.	West Singhbhum	286	973	534	445	6604
36.	Katihar	1185	1697	613	461	739
37.	Kishanganj	369	237	308	139	158
38.	Purnea	428	389	387	266	529
39.	Araria	298	311	98	120	525
40.	Saharsa	479	389	285	217	241
41.	Supaul	293	312	209	138	37
42.	Madhepura	247	285	101	157	199
43.	Muzaffarpur	2617	2005	899	213	2239
44.	Vaishali	571	489	532	131	1503
45.	Sitamarhi	732	597	493	116	871
46.	Sheohar	273	213	95	17	369
47.	Patna	6492	7219	5892	1639	9732
48.	Nalanda	1086	1384	750	309	1242
49.	Ranchi	5721	4632	3639	731	1896
50.	Gumla	429	369	263	187	159
51.	Lohardaga	371	219	129	92	49
52.	Palamu	425	534	423	134	693
53.	Garhwa	371	219	139	39	43
54.	Rohtas (Sasaram)	597	874	513	264	739
55.	Bhabhua	207	111	70	91	120

(c) the number of persons in the waiting list as per Annexure is likely to be cleared by 31.03.1998.

(d) No, Sir. expansion and development of telephone services and telephone exchanges is as per the plan proposals.

(e) Not applicable in view of (d) above.

(f) Not applicable in view of (d) above.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Not applicable in view of (g) above.

STD/PCO Allotted in Maharashtra

1963. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of STD/PCO booths allotted in Maharashtra during each of the last three years, district-wise;

(b) the number of STD/PCO booths allotted to women, Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes men and women and disabled persons;

(c) whether there is no provision for allotment of above booths to women,

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to allot these STD/PCO booths to women ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

(b) No. of STD/PCO allotted to women during last three years is given in the statement. No separate records in respect of other categories of persons is maintained. However, preference in allotment is given to SC/ST, and handicapped among other persons.

(c) Women are equally eligible as men for allotment of STD/ISD/PCO booths.

(d) Does not arise.